

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraph after the title of the application, as a heading to the first paragraph (i.e., as a heading to [Para 1]).

Field of the Invention

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [Para 1]

[Para 1.1] The present application is a national phase entry of PCT WO 2004/016248 A2, filed on August 6, 2003, which itself claims priority to French Application 02/10151, filed on August 9, 2002, and French Application 02/13514, filed on October 29, 2002, the contents of each of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

[Para 1.2]

Background of the Invention

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [Para 40]

[Para 40.1]

Summary of the Invention

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [Para 61]

[Para 61.1]

Brief Description of the Figures

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [Para 69]

[Para 69.1]

Detailed Description of the Invention

[Para 69.2]

The following examples are provided to further illustrate the present invention, and should not be construed as limiting thereof.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [Para 149]

[Para 150]

The foregoing is illustrative of the present invention and is not to be construed as limiting thereof. The invention is defined by the following claims, with equivalents of the claims to be included therein. All cited references are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.